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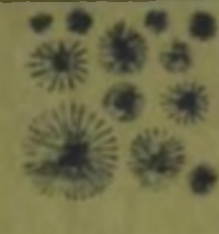

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OF THE

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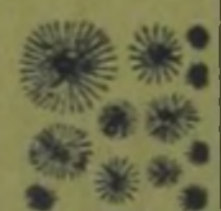
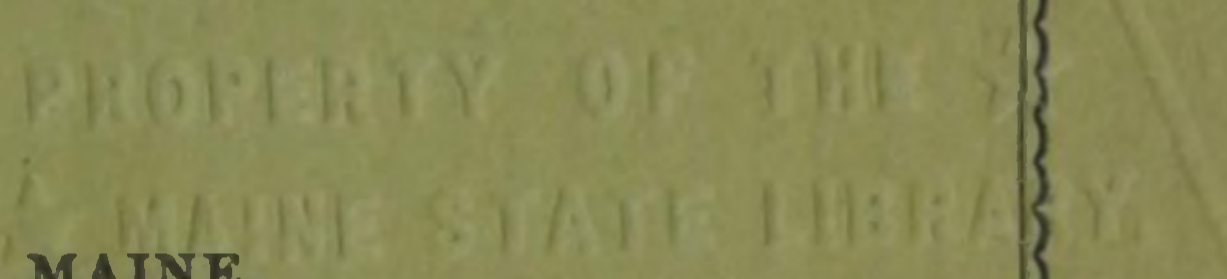
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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

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Collector and Constable.

D. B. WATERHOUSE.

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# Selectmen's Report.



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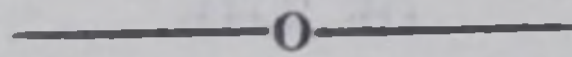
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For State tax,	\$2,108.89
County tax,	1,160.95
common schools,	2,500.00
free high schools,	250.00
roads and bridges,	2,000.00
support of poor,	1,500.00
contingent fund,	500.00
officers' salaries,	700.00
sinking fund	1,000.00
interest,	1,050.00
abatement of taxes,	600.00
A. A. Dwinal Post,	50.00
fire department,	450.00



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fire department,	450.00



text books,	100.00
chief engineer, fire department,	25.00
1st and 2d chief engineers, fire department,	30.00
deficiency in pauper account, '95,	406.38
deficiency in fire apparatus account, '95,	498.18
lighting streets,	900.00
hydrants,	1,150.00
overlay,	271.42
sewerage survey,	250.00

Total assessment,	<u>\$17,500.82</u>
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The above assessment was committed to D. B. Waterhouse, Collector, July 11, 1896, with a warrant in due form for collecting and paying the same to J. H. DeCoster, Town Treasurer.

#### VALUATION OF TOWN.

The valuation of the town, April 1, 1896, as made by the Assessors, is as follows :

Real estate, resident,	\$500,400.00
Personal estate, resident,	78,742.00
Real estate, non-resident,	196,385.00
Personal estate, non-resident,	42,864.00
Total,	<u>\$818,391.00</u>

#### RATE OF TAXATION.

Basis of Valuation, 100 per cent.  
 Money Tax, \$20.00 on \$1,000.00.  
 Poll Tax, \$2.50.  
 Number of Polls, 454.



# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF RESOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL MONEY.

## RESOURCES.

Amount raised by vote of town for common schools,	\$2,500 00
State School Fund and Mill tax,	825 18
Free High School Money by town,	250 00
Free High School Money received from State,	625 00
Amount raised for text-books,	100 00
Amount received for old books, etc.,	45 42
Amount received for tuitions,	36 00
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Total,	\$4,381 60

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching,	\$2,860 00
transporting scholars,	170 00
fuel,	331 68
Janitor service,	264 00
text books,	160 00
incidental school supplies,	171 86
repairs,	81 39
bills of 1894 and 1895,	135 93
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Total,	\$4,174 86
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STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended, 1895,	24 73
Amount appropriated, 1896,	900 00
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Total,	\$924 73
Paid Isiah Thurlow for lighting lamps for	
March,	\$ 33 30
Mechanic Falls Electric Light &	
Power Co.,	400 00
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	\$433 30
Balance unexpended,	\$491 43

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT.

Balance unexpended, 1895,	\$ 569 68
Amount appropriated, 1896,	2,000 00
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	\$2,569 68

EXPENDITURES.

The expenditures for labor and supplies were as follows :

E. C. Rawson, labor	\$ 25 00
E. C. Rawson, “	30 00
E. C. Rawson, “	35 75
I. H. Ellingwood, lumber,	10 04
J. K. Denning, labor,	9 90
E. C. Rawson, “	4 50
A. E. Harlow, “	2 02
I. H. Judkins, “	6 12
J. L. Keen, “	1 00



Francis Mains,	“	12 00
A. R. Thurlow,	“	8 02
E. C. Rawson,	labor	6 13
D. F. Bray,	“	8 19
C. W. York,	“	4 00
V. Waldron,	“	75
C. L. Hackett,	“	20 37
J. G. M. Spiller	“	7 50
I. A. Chapman,	“	7 50
A. Thurlow,	“	2 25
E. C. Rawson,	“	13 12
J. W. Penney & Sons,	pipe	59 10
Poland Packing & M'fg. Co.,	lumber,	23 52
A. V. Hathaway,	labor,	5 25
E. C. Rawson,	“	19 50
A. Thurlow,	“	5 25
A. S. Bray,	“	9 65
J. Rand, Jr.,	“	2 10
John Harris,	plank,	3 64
J. Spiller,	labor,	6 75
J. B. Poland,	plank,	22 80
M. P. Hawkins,	labor,	2 10
W. L. Knight,	“	35 25
W. M. Brown,	“	3 00
J. N. Nason,	“	100 00
D. F. Bray,	“	12 07
A. J. Weston,	lumber for bridge,	149 72
A. E. Harlow,	labor,	30 00
A. Tilton,	“	33 75
A. S. Bray,	“	8 85
W. C. Chipman,	“	66 00
J. N. Nason,	“	85 00
A. E. Harlow,	“	10 95
V. M. Pinkham,	“	80 00
A. F. Carter,	“	10 00



A. Tilton, “	28 50
W. L. Knight, “	41 50
W. S. Frank, “	13 50
V. M. Pinkham, “	41 00
J. H. & B. Stanton, labor,	22 87
J. L. Keen, “	4 50
J. N. Nason, “	50 00
H. D. Larry, “	28 75
Groton Bridge Co., Bridge Pages Mills,	1160 00
J. N. Nason, labor,	50 00
D. A. Lunt, “	1 09
Groton Bridge Co., extra labor	37 24
A. Tilton, labor,	15 75
V. M. Pinkham, “	26 00
P. & R. F. R. R., freight on pipe,	2 25
W. L. Knight, labor,	13 00
S. Knight, “	1 50
Hazen and Kimball, plank,	48 06
W. S. Frank, labor,	6 75
John S. Briggs, repairs for road machine,	9 00
J. N. Nason, labor,	35 00
V. Waldron, “	7 50
Dustin Martin, “	3 00
C. L. Hilborn, “	13 50
A. C. Denison, “	3 40
J. K. Denning, “	7 80
J. F. Sawyer, “	6 00
S. L. Harris, “	19 75
A. H. Pulsifer, “	1 50
W. L. Knight, “	14 00
James Poland, “	4 50
Winslow & Co., pipes,	12 50
J. N. Nason, labor,	35 00
F. J. Brown, “	1 50
H. M. Crosby, lumber,	2 00



Saunders Brothers, blacksmith work,	11 71
A. Tilton, labor,	7 50
W. L. Knight, “	7 50
V. M. Pinkham, “	6 00
E. Frost, dirt for Mink Brook Gully,	13 00
S. N. Haskell, labor,	18 02
Hawkes and Whitney, supplies,	23 12
O. N. Bailey, labor,	2 25
H. J. Jordan, “	7 55
Clark Goodwin, “	7 25
A. Thurlow, “	2 62
Poland Packing & M’f’g. Co., lumber,	6 93
J. N. Nason, labor,	99 63
H. S. Decker, use of derrick at Pages Mills	
Bridge,	12 25
Cousens and Stanton, labor,	10 00
G. O. Goodwin & Co., lumber,	1 13
J. N. Nason, labor,	22 00
W. A. McCann, “	4 33
C. L. Hackett, “	7 70
D. F. Bray, “	2 00
J. K. Denning, “	10 05
J. H. & B. Stanton, labor,	11 27
C. L. Hilborn, labor,	34 05
C. F. Jackson, “	2 65
S. S. Nason, “	1 50
A. H. Chapman, “	19 42
E. L. Charles, “	5 25
J. A. Russell, “	1 40
S. N. Haskell, “	9 30
H. Holmes, stone for Pages Mills bridge,	2 50
F. D. True, labor,	70
E. A. Griffin, “	1 95
N. Hanscom, “	1 00
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., plank	



for Pages Mills bridge and black-	
smith work,	9 67
A. J. Weston,	1 28
S. S. Nason,	1 50
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	\$3152 60
Overdrawn,	582 92

### REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Amount of appropriation, 1896,	\$1,500 00
Amount voted to meet deficiency of 1895,	406 38
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Total,	\$1,906 38

Expenditures for supplies, house rent and medical aid furnished, have been as follows :

Amount overdrawn in 1895,	\$406 38
O. D. Holt,	3 00
Mrs. McLellan and family,	345 19
D. S. Churchill,	65 10
Adrian Walcott,	132 30
I. S. Hunnewell,	21 37
Harriet C. Bancroft,	65 00
Wilson P. Berry,	65 89
J. L. Tobie,	110 18
C. A. Foster,	2 00
Emma Trundy,	16 92
A. R. Thurlow,	7 00
Wm. Woodsum,	10 46
J. B. Poland and family,	60 40
Care of tramps,	45 13



Flora Verrill,	117 68
Joseph B. Holt and family,	24 50
	<hr/> \$1,498 50
Balance unexpended,	\$407 88

## SUPPLIES FURNISHED POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

NAME.	TOWN.	AMOUNT.
Geo. Poland,	Peru,	\$ 5 00
J. K. P. Simpson,	Rumford,	5 00
George F. Berry,	New Gloucester,	49 25
John W. May,	Raymond,	17 40
Clarence E. Churchill,	Buckfield,	19 35
Franklin Smith,	Oxford,	17 25
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		\$113 25

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	\$50 00
A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R., order drawn,	50 00

## HYDRANT RENTAL.

Balance from 1895,	\$ 533 34
Amount appropriated, 1896,	1,150 00
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Total,	\$1,683 34
Mechanic Falls Water Co., paid to July, '97,	\$1,680 00
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Balance undrawn,	\$3 34



# FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount appropriated,	\$505 00
Amount voted to meet deficiency for 1895,	498 18

Total, \$1,003 18

Amount overdrawn, 1895, \$498 18

Orders drawn as follows :

Poland Packing & Mfg. Co., ladder,	4 00
H. M. Mayberry, rubber coats, etc.,	136 50
L. E. Small, lettering,	10 00
G. B. Hodgdon, fire extinguisher,	14 00
H. H. Herrick, care of hose,	7 50
John Story, blacksmith work,	2 50
E. E. Jordan, shoveling,	3 00
F. L. Waterman, cleaning hose,	1 20
Waterman & Jordan, hauling hose,	1 50
L. E. Small, supplies,	1 00
L. E. Small, services,	2 00
W. E. Dolly, supplies,	2 40
H. K. Barnes, supplies,	100 20
P. & R. F. Ry., freight,	60
A. W. Folsom, Sec'y Hook & Ladder Co., services,	32 50
E. C. Rawson, Sec'y Hose Co., No. 2, services,	54 00
H. H. Herrick, drying hose,	8 50
Archie Cook, Sec'y Hose Co., No. 1, services,	44 00
F. H. Waterhouse, work on hose,	3 00
O. B. Dwinal, rent of Hook & Ladder house,	24 00
V. M. Pinkham, wood for hose house,	2 50
Hawkes & Whitney, supplies,	11 17
Saunders Brothers, supplies,	2 30
A. W. Folsom, services, Hook & Ladder Co.,	9 00
F. R. Harmon, services as Ass't Chief Engineer,	15 00
H. M. Mayberry, sleds,	47 00



H. M. Mayberry, supplies and services as Chief Engineer,	34 92
E. C. Rawson, services,	4 50
A. J. Weston, ladders,	3 89
E. E. Jordan, services as 1st. Ass't Chief Engineer,	15 00
	<hr/> \$1,095 86
Overdrawn,	\$92 68

### CONTINGENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance from 1895,	\$159 53
Appropriated, 1896,	500 00
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Total,	\$659 53

Orders drawn as follows :

Merrill and Denning, supplies for office,	\$ 14 51
A. M. Chase & Co., printing town reports,	48 00
J. A. Bucknam & Co., Insurance Brick School House,	75 00
E. F. Bradford, vaccinating,	12 00
E. Rowell, Tr., Maine Industrial School, board of Josie T. Moore,	13 00
Loring, Short and Harmon, Collector's book,	1 60
P. D. Herrick, special police	2 00
F. R. Andrews, special police,	2 00
I. H. Judkins, collecting street lamps,	1 60
A. E. Libby, land damage for new street,	65 00
E. Rowell, Tr., Maine Industrial School, board of Josie T. Moore,	13 00
D. S. Perkins, rent of office and lock up,	100 00
V. M. Pinkham, wood for office,	3 25
V. D. Waldron, trimming shade trees,	9 75



J. H. DeCoster, cash paid for postage, etc.	7 12
H. Perkins, horse hire,	2 00
Sarah A. Pooler, land damage for new road, Pages Mills,	15 00
O. B. Dwinal, for trimming shade trees,	15 12
F. H. McDonald, wood for lockup,	2 38
Willard Bailey, land damage for new street,	35 00
J. R. Farrington, Supt. State Reform School board of Ernest S. Nason,	6 86
A. J. Weston, incidentals,	3 17
Ledger Publishing Co., printing,	3 10
J. H. DeCoster, extra labor and cash paid,	17 64
C. B. Rankin, reporting births and deaths,	6 25
Merrill and Denning, book and office supplies,	4 12
E. F. Bradford, reporting births and deaths,	3 50
C. H. Tobie, reporting births and deaths,	6 00
A. J. Weston, incidentals,	3 67
P. R. Cobb, land rent for hose house,	12 00
H. J. Jordan, watering tub 1896,	3 00
Mechanic Falls Electric Light Co., wiring selectmen's office,	3 56
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	\$510 20
Balance unexpended	149 33

## ABATEMENTS OF TAXES, DISCOUNTS, AND COL- LECTOR'S COMMISSION ACCOUNT.

Balance undrawn, 1895,	\$357 52
Amount appropriated, 1896,	600 00
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Total,	\$957 52



ORDERS DRAWN.

D. B. Waterhouse, bal. of commission, 1893,	\$ 31 51
“ “ “ “ “ 1894,	80 00
“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	60 00
“ “ “ abatement sundry taxes, 1893,	31 57
“ “ “ “ “ 1894,	191 14
“ “ “ “ “ 1895,	165 78
“ “ “ “ “ 1896,	35 50
“ “ “ discount “ 1896,	661 36
	<hr/> \$1,256 86
Overdrawn,	\$299 34

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOAN

AND TOWN BONDS.

Balance undrawn, 1895,	\$ 48 14
Amount appropriated, 1896,	1,050 00
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Total,	\$1,098 14

INTEREST PAID.

J. H. DeCoster, interest on Eliza Milliken note,	\$50 00
“ “ “ “ bonds for sinking fund,	9 30
“ “ “ “ temporary loan,	69 17
“ “ “ “ coupons on bonds paid,	1,036 00
	<hr/> \$1,164 47
Overdrawn,	\$66 33



## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Balance undrawn, 1895,	\$ 17 39
Amount appropriated, 1896,	700 00
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Total,	\$717 39

### ORDERS DRAWN.

M. N. Royal, board of health,	\$ 5 00
J. A. Crooker, services, 1896,	11 00
A. E. True, services as police and truant officer,	15 00
J. H. DeCoster, services as treasurer, 1896,	75 00
Ella J. Dwinal, services as supervisor of schools,	135 00
A. J. Weston, services as selectman, '96,	130 00
E. K. Holbrook, services as selectman, '96,	100 00
Fred E. Dwinal, services as selectman, '96,	50 00
D. B. Waterhouse, services as constable,	2 00
E. F. Bradford, services board of health, '95,	15 00
J. H. DeCoster, recording births and deaths,	15 75
F. E. Tufts, services as auditor, '96,	10 00
E. F. Bradford, services, board of health, '96,	15 00
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	\$578 75
Balance unexpended,	\$138 64

### SINKING FUND.

Amount appropriated, 1896,	\$1,000 00
Amount expended,	\$1,000 00
Amount on deposit in Chapman National Bank,	
March 1, 1897, and interest,	\$2,087 56
Amount on deposit in Shoe & Leather Bank,	400 00
Amount town bonds bought,	600 00
Amount interest,	15 00
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	\$3,102 56



# FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN OF MECHANIC FALLS, MARCH 1, 1897.

## LIABILITIES.

Bonded indebtedness,	\$26,200 00
Outstanding town orders,	809 98
Outstanding bills,	60 00
Interest on bonds, not called for,	32 00
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	\$27,101 98

## RESOURCES.

Due from D. B. Waterhouse, col., tax, '94, \$	89 85
“ “ “ “ '95,	344 21
“ “ “ “ '96,	6,403 73
“ “ “ “	
supplementary tax, '96,	49 50
tax deeds, '93,	106 86
“ “ '94,	63 29
“ “ '95,	547 07
“ “ Minot,	200 00
Woodstock, pauper, supplies,	427 14
Raymond, “ “	17 40
New Gloucester, “ “	49 25
Hebron, “ “	215 20
Buckfield. “ “	40 35
Cash in treasury,	1,626 18
F. H. McDonald note,	193 68
Sinking Fund,	3,102 56
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	\$13,476 27
Balance against the town,	\$13,625 71



EXPENSE TO TOWN BY REASON OF LAST MARCH  
FLOOD.

Page's Mills bridge,	\$1,500 00
Waterhouse Brook bridge,	60 74
Pottle bridge,	31 28
Campbell bridge,	93 07
Red bridge (about),	200 00
Mink Brook gully,	50 00
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	\$1,935 09

SEWERAGE SURVEY.

Amount appropriated,	\$250 00
“ unexpended,	\$250 00

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS.

U. W. Briggs,	\$35 00
Orin Down,	35 00
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	\$70 00
Received from State,	\$70 00

RECOMENDTIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Common schools,	\$2,300 00
Free High school,	500 00
Support of poor,	1,100 00
Roads, bridges and culverts,	2,000 00



Contingent expenses,	600 00
Sinking fund,	1,000 00
Payment of interest,	1,100 00
Officers salaries,	700 00
Abatements and commissions,	250 00
Text-books,	100 00
A. A. Dwinal Post, G. A. R.	50 00
Hydrant rental,	1,680 00
Electric lighting,	725 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Discounts,	600 00

There should be added to the assessment, a Supplementary Tax of \$49.50 making the total assessment for 1896 \$17,550.32.

Respectfully submitted

A. J. WESTON,  
E. K. HOLBROOK,  
FRED E. DWINAL,  
Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.

I have examined the accounts and books of the selectmen and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS, Auditor.



# REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

New supplies bought this year :

39 rubber coats,		\$136 50
1 Rex Fire Extinguisher,		14 00
2 Siamese Gates,	at \$20 00	40 00
2 flexible pipes,	" 12 00	24 00
1 Boston "		12 00
1 Callahan nozzle,		13 50
2 dozen spanners,		4 50
1 " ladder straps,		5 00
6 hydrant wrenches,		1 20
2 sets Sleds,		47 00
3 dozen coats straps,		4 50
2 roof ladders,		3 89
Hook and Ladder Co., services,		41 50
Hose Co. No. 2,	"	58 50
Hose Co. No. 1,	"	44 00
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		\$450 09

H. M. MAYBERRY, Chief of Fire Department.



# TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

J. H. DeCoster, Treasurer, in account with the town of Mechanic Falls, for year ending February 27th, 1897.

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To bal. brought forward from 1896,	\$3,326 49
Cash of C. H. Dwinal Est. by hand of F. E. Tufts,	1 33
Oxford pauper act. by hand of A. J. Weston,	153 87
Rumford " " " " " " " "	26 38
Amos Tilton act. Tax Deed,	1 00
F. E. Tufts act. of interest collected,	12 37
J. J. Bucknam, Admr., act. taxes 1893,	167 73
Town of Raymond by hand of A. J. Weston,	56 49
Gammon of Norway, peddler's license,	6 00
O. B. Dwinal, interest,	23 70
Nat. S. & L. Bank, temporary loan,	1,965 83
Merry-go-round license,	10 00
State, act. dog license, year 1895,	104 18
State, act. school fund and mill tax,	825 18
Mrs. J. N. Nason, act. tax deed, tax 1893,	16 52
Nat. S. & L. Bank, act. temporary loan,	982 92
Norway Sav. Bank, act. Sawyer tax deeds,	113 81
Scribner & Smith, Circus license,	10 00
Theatre license,	5 00
O. B. Dwinal, act. tax deed J. N. Nason,	15 00
Dog license for year 1896,	121 00
And. Co., repaid to town, J. B. Holt case,	77 50
W. B. Dunn, tax deed, 1895,	21 02
D. S. Perkins, end. tax deed 1895,	69 00



W. L. Campbell, school tuition,	4 00
Osburn Estey, school tuition,	6 00
J. F. Campbell, school tuition,	26 00
State, Tr., act. railroads and tel. apportionment,	86
J. W. Penney & Sons, end. on F. H. McDonald tax deed,	66 87
Theo. Prince, peddler's license,	3 00
State, act. Free High School, due previous years,	375 03
State, act. Free High School, 1886.	250 00
State, act. State Pensions,	120 00
Ella J. Dwinal, act. text books sold, etc.,	45 42
A. E. True, act. liquor empties sold,	34 75
Oxford, pauper account,	12 25
Leeds, pauper account,	19 19
A. J. Weston, for old street lamps sold,	2 00
A. J. Weston, pauper account, Rumford,	3 00
Nat. S. & L. Bank, temporary loan,	991 25
State, burial of soldiers,	70 00
D. B. Waterhouse, Col. on tax, 1893,	64 41
" " " " " " 1894,	3,041 16
" " " " " " 1895,	5,347 97
" " " " " " 1896,	11,097 09
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	\$29,692 54

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By Cash Paid Town Orders,	\$27,631 68
State Pension,	120 00
" Tr., dog license, 1896,	121 00
on hand	28 10
in Nat. S. & L. Bank, Auburn,	1,598 08
F. H. McDonald's Note,	193 68
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	\$29,692 54



The above orders paid include State tax, \$2,108.89, County tax, \$1,160.95, hydrant rental to July, 1897, \$840.00, electric lighting, \$400.00, all temporary loans, and interest on town bonds.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. DECOSTER, Treas.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of J. H. DeCoster, town treasurer, and find them correct.

F. E. TUFTS, Auditor.

March 6th, 1897.



WARRANT FOR TOWN METTING.

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*To D. B. Waterhouse, a Constable of the Town of Mechanic Falls, in the County of Androscoggin,* GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Mechanic Falls, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Perkins' Hall, in said town on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1897, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2nd. To choose a town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3rd. To hear and act upon the reports of the town officers.

ART. 4th. To choose all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Common Schools.

ART. 6th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of a Free High School.

ART. 7th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to expend for the support of a Free High School.

ART. 8th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads, bridges and culverts.



ART. 9th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of the poor.

ART. 10th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ART. 11th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for salaries of town officers.

ART. 12th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the sinking fund.

ART. 13th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the payment of interest.

ART. 14th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for abatements, discounts and Collectors' commissions.

ART. 15th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

ART. 16th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of text books.

ART. 17th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$1,680 to pay the Hydrant rental for the ensuing year.

ART. 18th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$725 to pay the annual expense of Electric street lighting.

ART. 19th. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes paid within such time as the town may determine.

ART. 20th. To choose a Collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

ART. 21st. To see if the town will vote to put in a culvert on Water street near the brick-yard.

ART. 22nd. To see if the town will vote to accept the change in the highway leading from Pages Mills to Pigeon Hill, as located by the Selectmen.

ART. 23rd. To see if the town will vote to build a sewer on Maple street.



ART. 24th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to build the Maple street sewer.

ART. 25th. To see if the town will vote to raise \$582.92 to liquidate the deficiency in the Road Commissioner's Account.

ART. 26th. To see if the town will vote to raise \$92.68 to liquidate the deficiency in Fire Department Account.

ART. 27th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$63.33 to liquidate the deficiency in the Interest Account.

ART. 28th. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$299.34 to liquidate the deficiency in the Discount and Commissions Account.

ART. 29th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of school houses.


The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon the application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the Selectmen's office at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of March, A. D. 1897.

A. J. WESTON,  
E. K. HOLBROOK,  
FRED E. DWINAL,

Selectmen of Mechanic Falls.



Fourth Annual 

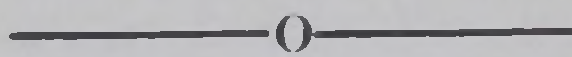
# Report of Superintendent OF SCHOOLS,

OF THE

Town of Mechanic Falls.



# SCHOOL BOARD.



F. H. McDONALD, }  
J. W. WAYNE,        } One year.  
J. H. KING.

MISS ELLA J. DWINAL, Two years.

FREDERICK NEWPORT, Three years.

## ORGANIZATION.

J. W. WAYNE,	Chairman.
MISS ELLA J. DWINAL,	Secretary.
MISS ELLA J. DWINAL,	Superintendent.
FREDERICK NEWPORT,	Com. on Buildings and Fuel.
A. E. TRUE,	Truant Officer.
M. N. ROYAL,	“ “
EZRA F. BAILEY,	Janitor.
A. S. ELLSWORTH,	“

Regular meetings last Tuesday in each month, at 7.30 o'clock, at Superintendent's room.

## TEACHERS, APRIL, 1897.

High School	R. E. FILES, A. B.
“ “ Assistant,	JOSIAH McCANN.
Grammar School,	EDITH M. MAXWELL.
“ “	NANCY M. BUCKNAM.
Grades 6 and 7,	BERTIE M. PHILLIPS.
Grades 4 and 5,	MARY C. BUMPUS.
Grades 1, 2, and 3,	MATTIE G. HANSCOM.
“ “ “ “ “	MINNIE B. FARRINGTON.
Pigeon Hill, mixed grade,	MINNIE M. C. JUMPER.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1896-1897.

### Fall Term.

Monday, Sept. 7, schools open.

November 13, Primaries close. Vacation six weeks.

December 11, All School close. Vacation two week.

### Winter Term.

December 28, schools open.

March 5, schools close.

### Spring Term.

April 5, schools open.

Holidays, Fast Day and Memorial Day.

June 11, Primary Schools close.

June 25, all schools close.

## SCHOOL SIGNALS.

When the weather is inclement the ringing of the Congregational church bell, *for five minutes*, at 7.30 A. M. signifies no morning session. Same signal at 11.45 A. M. signifies one session. The same signal at 12.45 P. M. signifies no afternoon session.



“ “ “ (June 1st—Dec. 1st, 1896)	125 00
From Public Declamation	22 20
“ Old books	38 22
“ Tuitions	36 00

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Total Resources	\$4,396 60
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### EXPENDITURES, 1896-'97.

High School	spring term	\$210 00
“ “	fall “	336 00
“ “	winter “	240 00

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\$786 00

Unexpended balance	125 00
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\$911 00

Voted to raise for High School	\$250 00
Rec'd from State July 1896	250 00
“ “ “ Aug. “	250 00
“ “ “ Dec. “	125 00
“ “ tuitions	36 00

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\$911 00

### COMMON SCHOOLS.

#### Spring Term,

Sundries	\$ 31 18
Supplies	28 98
James King	5 00
Mary C. Jones	99 00
B. M. Phillips	88 00
Effie Saunders	80 00
Effie Wayne	85 00



Nancy M. Bucknam	96 00
Gertrude L. McDonald	144 00
Ezra F. Bailey	78 00
W. M. Mayberry	55 00
M. M. C. Jumper	80 00
Hawkes and Whitney	30 20
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	\$900 36

Fall Term.

Wood	\$ 22 50
Sundries	46 80
Supplies	23 71
Furnishings	24 67
By-Laws	13 00
James King	5 00
Mary C. Bumpus	126 00
B. M. Phillips	126 00
Mattie Hanscom	80 00
Minnie Farrington	80 00
M. M. C. Jumper	80 00
Nancy M. Bucknam	112 00
Edith M. Maxwell	168 00
Ezra F. Bailey	91 00
W. M. Mayberry	65 00
Hawkes and Whitney	127 61
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	\$1,191 29

Winter Term.

Sundries	\$ 68 15
Supplies	16 76
James King	5 00



Mary C. Bumpus	90 00
B. M. Phillips	90 00
Mattie Hanscom	85 00
Minnie Farrington	85 00
M. M. C. Jumper	80 00
Nancy M. Bucknam	80 00
Edith M. Maxwell	120 00
Ezra F. Bailey	40 00
W. M. Brown	50 00
Hawkes and Whitney	91 96
A. S. Ellsworth	40 00
Wood	67 75
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	\$1,009 62

### TEXT-BOOK EXPENDITURE.

Paid American Book Co.,	17 28
“ “ “	4 93
Ginn & Co.,	43 15
New Century Publishing Co (Busy work)	7 68
Ginn & Co.,	36 40
Merrill & Denning (Latin Prose Books),	12 00
“ “ “ (English Classics,	60
Geo. S. Chase (Dictionary),	15 00
American Book Co.,	2 64
Merrill & Denning (Lay of Last Minstrel),	2 05
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	90
“ “ “ “	5 60
Bridgewater Normal School (Outlines),	2 11
American Book Co.,	9 66
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	\$160 00
Unexpended balance,	1 05
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	\$161 05



Appropriation,	\$100 00
Public Declamation,	22 20
Sale of old books,	38 85
	<hr/> \$161 05

### SCHOOL BILLS FOR 1895.

To John E. Potter & Co.,	\$112 50
E. F. Bailey, repairs,	4 00
Merrill & Denning, supplies,	7 78
Zenas Lane, repairing clock,	1 25
Effie E. Saunders, balance of salary,	5 00
Bill left in 1894,	5 40
	<hr/> \$135 93

### RECAPITULATION.

Bills of 1894 and 1895,	\$ 135 93
Bill of Janitors,	264 00
Teaching,	2,860 00
Transportation,	170 00
Hawkes & Whitney,	249 77
Text-Books,	160 00
Repairs,	81 39
Furnishings,	58 23
Wood,	90 25
Supplies,	69 45
Incidentals,	44 18
	<hr/> \$4,183 20
Unexpended balance,	213 40
	<hr/> \$4,396 60



We herewith submit the report, for the year ending March 1st, 1897, of the condition of the schools of Mechanic Falls, and of the expenditures needful for the maintenance of the same.

The spring term of '96, being the term closing the school year of '95, we felt it to be for the best interest of the schools to retain all teachers, if possible, therefore but two changes were made. Realizing that many children never go beyond the grammar, or tenth grade, and wishing to make this school seem more important to the young people, and more honorable to complete the course in this department, the School Board voted to have the (a) class hold public graduation exercises and that there be presented Certificates of Promotion, in form, much like diplomas.

The Principal, Miss Gertrude McDonald, took kindly to the plan, and gave much time and thought to develop the same. The class did credit to themselves, and their teachers, in their several parts. While three members of the class took conditional certificates, they worked off the conditions before the fall term opened. We trust there will be no conditional certificates in the class that will graduate in June 1897. The grammar school is in a most excellent condition.—A hive of industry—not devoted to memorizing text-books, but searching in books, in and out of school, in papers and periodicals, for knowledge, as the teachers guide. This school has made marked improvement during the fall and winter terms under the able principal, Miss Edith M. Maxwell, a graduate of Farmington State Normal School. Miss Maxwell is assisted by a very efficient teacher, Miss Nancy M. Bucknam, a graduate of our High School, whose work as instructress cannot be over estimated.

The Sixth and Seventh grades have been taught by Miss B. M. Phillips, a teacher of long experience, for the entire year. The school has been so completely metamorphosed as to be scarcely recognizable, yet far from perfect.

The Fourth and Fifth grades have been most efficiently led



on in mind developement, through the entire year, by Mrs. Mary C. Bumpus. It is needless to say that the work done this year by this school cannot be surpassed by any school of like grade.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades for the spring term were under the guidance of Misses Saunders and Wayne, as for several terms, and with the success of previous terms.

During the fall and winter terms, these grades have been under the discipline of Misses Mattie Hanscom and Minnie B. Farrington, graduates of Farmington State Normal School.

Their work has been most thorough and practical. These are the most important grades: Work incorrectly done here, mars forever the perfect development of the mind. Let us ever keep our little ones under the instruction of teachers who have been trained for Primary work, mind development. Any one may be able to hear the little folks spell, read, write, and count—can keep school, if you please; but to teach, to develop the little mind in the scientific way—the way in which to make the most of all the mental faculties, requires a person thoroughly instructed in methods. We have such in our present Primary school teachers.

The Pigeon Hill School has been taught during the year by Miss Minnie M. C. Jumper, a teacher of quite a little experience, and one with Lewiston Training School fit.

The school has thirteen members with twenty recitations daily. It is needless to say, that compared with the work done in our graded schools, this school's advancement seems very slow. It is to be regreted that these bright intellects, and willing-workers can not be under the graded school discipline.

A teacher in this school can do scarcely more than keep school; for the days are not long enough to instruct twenty, or more, classes as they should be instructed. Our grandfathers received this kind of instruction possibly; but the world has been progressing rapidly, in every way since their day.



The expences of common schools, spring term	\$900.36.
“ “ “ “ fall “	\$1,191.29.
“ “ “ “ winter “	\$1,008.32.
High School, for year	\$786.00.

The High School is in very good working condition having partaken of the earnestness of the Principal, who ever urges, and leads the way, to thorough, honest research. This school is certainly advancing in scholarship, having been under the discipline, for entire year, of R. E. Files, A. B., surely a most excellent instructor, a manly man, and one of the honored sons of Bates College. To assist in arousing an interest and enthusiasm in school work ; to awaken a desire for reading the productions of the best authors ; to offer a stimulus to elevate the mind ; a former Principal of the High School offered, during the fall term, two prizes for the best English Essays, on given subjects. The prizes to be awarded after the graduation exercises, June 25, 1897.

#### EXPENSE OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To R. E. Files	spring term	\$210 00
“ “ “	fall “	280 00
“ “ “	winter “	200 00
Mrs. Johnson	fall “	56 00
Josiah McCann	winter “	40 00
Total		\$786 00

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the town appropriate *five hundred dollars* for High School purposes, for legal reasons.

We also recommend that one hundred dollars be appropriated for incidental repairs. There are constantly numerous small repairs which cannot *lawfully* be paid from the school money.



### REMARKS.

The year just closed has been one of hard and faithful work on the part of teachers and pupils. The results of work, good.

Vertical writing was introduced in September, and the results have been excellent.

The number of weeks per term have been apportioned as follows:—spring term, twelve weeks, fall term, fourteen weeks, and winter term, ten weeks. The following reasons actuated the change:—the fall is the season for profitable brain work, the weather is such that fuel can be economically used; and the winter term needed to be shorter than heretofore for another reason than economy namely, that all bills could come before the Board for approval and the Superintendent could have them in the printed report. Thereby informing the town of the exact expense of her schools. Nature study has been introduced this year and we hope for great results. This study serves to develop the sluggish mind, it furnishes material for a great deal of language work, teaches the child to go through the world with its eyes open, ever watchful for the beautiful and wonderful in nature; we realize that to some, this work may seem unnecessary; yet *we* sincerely believe it furnishes a discipline and training that can be obtained in no other way.

Twice each week the Grammar and High Schools devote one period, or hour, to reading and study of the masterpiece of some standard author. Purpose—to awake interest in good reading, mind development— and establish the taste for the very best literature and thus elevate the mind and character. We wish to invite attention of the citizens to the work done in our schools. New studies and new methods are ever crowding upon us. No doubt, many can be found among us, who not having particularly interested themselves in the matter, feel that things are done so differently now-a-days, that they can not understand them at all. New ways of doing things—new methods



in education are simply better ways of getting the final result, mind development.

We wish we might impress upon the citizens of Mechanic Falls the importance of their generally visiting our schools, and of making a closer study of the work done by the pupils, and teachers. We are all working for the same accomplishment; it is of the highest importance that we should learn to understand each other, and work heartily together.

The course of study as arranged for all grades gives the average child as much as he can profitably do. Some children develop mentally, as well as bodily, faster than the average child; these should not be kept back but should be allowed to advance; for this reason, any child at any time, whether at the middle, or close of a term, can be promoted, providing he has done the required work and has the ability to do the work in a higher grade.

Your superintendent during the year, has given 112 days to the work; and to thoroughly know the schools, their needs, and the needs of individual pupils, personal care is an actual necessity.

Our schools need constant supervision that the town may get *full returns* for the money expended for her schools. If in the labor, commercial and industrial worlds, there is need of constant practical supervision, is it not reasonable to *presume* that in teaching, the highest of all occupations, there should be constant supervision. The operative working upon wood, wool, cotton, metal, or other material, is engaged in a simple process, exercises but few faculties, expends but little nervous force; the teacher works upon mind and heart, is engaged in complex processes, exercises each second all the great powers of the soul, exhausts nervous energy in the various and varied processes of work and conditions. In no other occupation are there so many ways and opportunities for wasting time and energy, making mistakes in teaching. It is far more difficult to mould mind than



matter ; far more difficult to know what to do, how to do, and when to do than in any of the industrial trades ; hence, the *greater* need of *earnest, constant* supervision.

We can see material results of skilled supervision in various lines of labor, such as road-making, house-building ; but *mental* results are not so immediate, so visible, so tangible ; yet are infinitely more influential and enduring.

In closing this report of our schools, I wish to thank you, gentlemen of the School Board for your constant courtesy, consideration, sympathy and friendly council. I feel a deep obligation to every member of the school committee, particularly the members who have been present at every regular meeting of the Board.

To the teachers, one and all, I would express my heartfelt thanks for the spirit of co-operation and faithfulness which has ever seemed to characterize their work.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA J. DWINAL,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Mechanic Falls, Maine.